



CUT IT OUT!

Friday, April 7 | Ephesians 4:17-24

Since becoming a parent, I have begun using the phrase “cut it out” more often than ever before. The sad thing is, I say it more to myself than to my sweet baby. I often set the worst example by living, acting, and speaking like I did before. I act like I used to act before I became a father. I am still learning to realize that there is a tiny person who is mimicking me. If my child sees me toss a toy across the room, then shortly afterward that is how my child will begin to put away all the toys.

Ephesians 4 gives us a similar example. We get a new identity, opportunity, power, and example to set when we decide to follow Jesus. We are no longer who we used to be and we no longer should behave the way we used to behave. We should “put off our old self” or in other words, “cut it out!” When we claim to live for Christ we should live the new life and stop living the old life.

Pray: Thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to be made new in you. Give me your power to resist the temptation of my old self and the courage to live the new life you’re giving me. Bless me with an awareness of your Spirit living and working in and through me. In Jesus Name, amen!

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